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Subject: 2009 Aerial Detection Survey

To: Jo Reyer, Forest Supervisor
Wayne National Forest

On June 19, 2009, Rod Whiteman, Dan Snider, and Bill Oldland, of this office along with Lauren Miles from the Allegheny National Forest conducted an aerial detection survey of the Wayne National Forest (WNF). The accompanying maps show the general locations and types of damage observed during these flights.

This year, we mapped a total of 495 acres of visible damage within the proclamation boundary of the Wayne National Forest. The most commonly reported agents were leaf diseases (anthracnose), and bark beetles, and Hemlock decline possibly from Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Scattered tree mortality and branch dieback were reported again throughout the Ironton Ranger District in the ice storm-damaged areas. This mortality trend is expected to continue in these areas as trees damaged by the ice storm succumb to increased competition and attack by insects.

No reports of insect activity were received by this office. District Rangers and other field-going personnel are reminded that they have the primary responsibility for on-the-ground, initial detection of insect and/or disease outbreaks. We ask that all field personnel continue to monitor for evidence of insect activity (such as an unusually high number of moths present in the forest in early spring and late summer, which may be a prelude to a heavy defoliation event by defoliators), defoliation, discoloration, and mortality in their areas and report any insect and disease activity to the Morgantown Field Office.

I personally would also like to extend my appreciation to Michele Stephens for her valuable assistance in this survey. If you or any of your staff have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Rick Turcotte or Ann Steketee at (304) 285-1503.

Sincerely,

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